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ENROLLMENT OF NONMEMBERS IN CZECHOSLOVAK YEAR OF PARTY TRAINING

The Presidium of the Central Committee of the Czechoslovak Communist Party last year passed a resolution by which more than 90,000 nonparty members were enabled to acquire knowledge of the underlying principles of revolutionary doctrine through organized and systematic study.

What this opportunity meant to nonmembers was best expressed by Marie Vasinova from the Svit enterprise in Gottwaldov, who said "During the war, when I was compelled to work for one of the village rich, Dlabac from Skalcan, I felt even then that a class conflict existed between us. I could not determine its origin, but today, when I have familiarized myself with the evolution of human society, with the history of the labor movement, with the history of the USSR and Czechoslovak Communist Parties, I can see it from its proper viewpoint. If I wish to work well, I must understand the aim and purpose of that work. I learned to love the party and to hate all those who would like to start another war."

Since this experimental RSS (Rok Stranickeho Skoleni, Year of Party Training), 1951 - 1952, proved successful, the party has decided to offer nonmembers an opportunity for advanced study in the party training program and to increase greatly the number of people so admitted. For example, the Usti nad Labem Okres Party Committee has set as its goal the enrollment of some 15,000 nonmembers this year, or three times the number admitted last year, the Plzen Kraj Committee will admit twice as many.

The preparations for the 1952 - 1953 RSS show that all party organization committees have not shown enough interest in it. In the rural okreses of Prague Kraj only about one half as many nonmembers are enrolled as last year. In the Prague City okreses only about 10,000 nonmembers are enrolled. Primary party organizations, and kraj and okres committees should inspect the preparations for the RSS and pay more attention to enrollment than they have heretofore.

Tens of thousands of new people are growing up in the factories and villages, and, from them, the primary party organization committees should select the more responsible ones and enroll them in the RSS. This is especially true

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of village organizations, where the selection of nonmembers is lagging seriously. The village organizations and particularly the enterprise organizations in all the STS (Statni Traktorove Stanice, State Tractor Stations) and MTS and on the State Farms should make it their goal to enroll as many persons as possible in the RSS. A careful selection among the tens of thousands of small and middle farmers who have joined the JZD (Jednotne Zemedelske Druzstvo, Unified Agricultural Cooperatives) in the past year, and among the hundreds of best workers of the STS and State Farms, will not only enable the party to increase the political consciousness of these people and to strengthen their loyalty to the People's Democracy, but will also aid in the political and economic strengthening of the JZD.

The selection of nonmembers should be made primarily from the village youth: because the interest of youth in new things can easily be stimulated and it may become a strong support for the JZD.

Increased attention to enrollment should be the goal of the enterprise committees because industry, construction, transportation, and all other segments of the economy will have to carry out the final struggle for the fulfillment of the Five-Year Plan goals.

Enrollment of nonmembers should be considered by the party organizations as seriously and with the same consciousness as the admission of new members to the party itself. These people should be given all possible assistance by the party activists and the primary party organization committees. If this care is not given, there is danger that a great many of them will lose interest, as was the case in Ceske Budejovice Kraj where some 1,000 nonmembers failed to complete the course. On the other hand, a good RSS program will develop new, informed party members. The 1951 - 1952 RSS course produced results such as these: in Breclav in Brno Kraj, 62 nonmembers joined the party, in Moravska Trebova Okres, 32 were admitted; in the CKD enterprise, in Blansko, 30 were admitted, etc. Many organizations failed to make full use of the 1951 - 1952 RSS to acquire new party candidates.

The effectiveness of this program is the responsibility of all party organizations. Factory and village organizations, with the assistance of the okres and kraj party committees, must carry out a critical selection among nonmembers and enroll them even before the 1952 - 1953 RSS begins.

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